

CMN-2004 Business of the Year

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Shawano County Chamber of Commerce

(SHAWANO-WI) The Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce presented it’s 2004 Business of The Year Award to College of Menominee Nation (CMN) at the Chamber’s Annual Banquet on January 27th. CMN is a two-year community college located on the Menominee Indian Reservation in Keshena that currently offers Associate degrees in 13 different programs and Certificate programs in car-pentry, police science, and tribal legal studies.

The school opened in 1993 in the basement of Dr. Verna Fowler’s home, current President of CMN, with 47 students attending four classes. In the past 11 years growth at CMN has been significant. Enrollment has grown to 539 students and the number of classes available has increased to 65. The student population is diverse including Indian and non-Indian, traditional and non-traditional, and male and female students from all walks of life, religions and ethnic origins of Northeastern Wisconsin. Twelve Native American tribes are represented at CMN and although they are categorized as one of 35 tribal colleges in the United States, the doors are open to everyone. Approximately 20% of the student body is non-Indian.

In the past two years the main campus facility has undergone a number of renovations and expansions. Shirley Daly Hall was dedicated in 2003 and underwent an extensive expansion with a new science wing.

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Car Accidents and Winter Weather



Submitted Photos/Shawano County Sheriff's Department
The Pepsi and Coca-Cola trucks collided on January 26th at the intersection of Hwy 47 and County Hwy G. The driver of the Coca-Cola Truck was transported by air to the Theda Clark Regional Medical Center in Neenah and the driver of the Pepsi truck was transported by ambulance to the Shawano Medical Center.

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Winter weather isn’t the reason for the car accidents that we hear about. Car accidents are usually caused by careless drivers that are usually in a hurry to get somewhere.

So far this winter we had two severe accidents in Keshena in which one was fatal. Neither were due to snow. The first one happened at 6:36 p.m. on January 23rd Menominee Tribal Police Department received a call on a car accident involving two cars. The accident occurred on County Highway VV about three miles east of State Highway 47-55. When police arrived at the scene there were three severely injured people in one vehicle and three in the other vehicle with minor injuries.

All that were injured were taken to Shawano Medical Center by ambulance. One that was severely injured

was pronounced dead at the Shawano Medical Center. The other two that were severely injured were transported to Theda Clark Regional Medical Center in Neenah, by ThedaStar helicopter.

The cause of the accident is still under investigation and alcohol does appear to be a factor.

The second accident happened a few days later. On January 26th at 2:37 p.m. Menominee Tribal Police, Menominee Tribal ambulance, and Keshena Fire helped assist Shawano Sheriffs Department with a two vehicle collision on State Highway 47 at County Highway G in the Township of Red Springs. The first vehicle was a small semi-tractor truck owned by Pepsi, the second was a truck owned by Coca-Cola. The Pepsi truck was northbound on State Highway 47 and was attempting to make a left turn, he then turned into the path of the Coca-Cola truck. The driver of the Coca-Cola truck was

flown to Theda Clark Regional Medical Center in Neenah, by air ambulance. The driver of the Pepsi truck was transported to Shawano Medical Center by ambulance.

Drivers should be more careful driving and take their time getting to their destinations. If late, you won’t get there on time regardless of how fast you are going. So why rush it?

According to State Patrol Maj. Dan Lonsdorf, director of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation’s Bureau of Traffic Safety, “Winter storms typically increase the number of traffic crashes, but few are violent or deadly because motorists tend to drive slower and more cautiously in snow and ice. However, in the last week there’s been a spike in highway deaths, and tragically most of these fatal crashes could have been prevented if drivers had only slowed down.”

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